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*The College
Division of Biology*

ZOOLOGICAL LABORATORY
38th Street and Woodland Avenue

Dr. Joshua Lederberg
Genetics Department
Stanford University
School of Medicine
Palo Alto, California

Dear Josh:

You probably know that we are looking for a head of the Biology Division here at the University of Pennsylvania. One of the people being considered is Gunther Stent. I would very much like your advice on whether you think he would be a good chairman for us. The Biology Division includes microbiology, botany and zoology. So, we are concerned about his breadth as well as his research and administrative qualifications.

Any information which you can give us would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John R. Preer, Jr.

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Chairman, Faculty Committee on the
Biology Division Chairmanship

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*Absolutely first rate
in every particular. But I
would be sorry, personally, if
Gunther left this area. However,
our loss would be your
gain. Best wishes
Joshua*

Stent, G.S.